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## UM APPLICATIONS UP 23 PERCENT

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The number of students applying to the University of Montana for fall 1989 has risen 23 percent over last year's figure, UM Director of Admissions Mike Akin announced today.

As of Feb. 28, 1989, 1,471 students had applied to UM for fall quarter, compared to 1,198 students a year earlier.

In addition, the number of applications the University received in February -- 663 -- set a record for applications received in the month of February.

The greatest overall increase came in the number of freshman applications. By the end of February, 1,060 students had applied to UM -- 154 more that had applied by that time last year. Those figures include 548 in-state applicants, 500 out-of-state applicants and 12 whose residence is undetermined.

By late February, 400 students had applied to transfer to UM, 123 more students than had applied to transfer by that time last year.

Akin noted that historically between 65 and 70 percent of people who apply actually enroll in the fall quarter. He attributed the increase in applications to the recruiting efforts of a number of people -- President James Koch, faculty, current



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students, alumni and recruiting officers.

"Wherever we go, both in-state and out-of-state, we sense a very positive feeling about UM," Akin said.

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